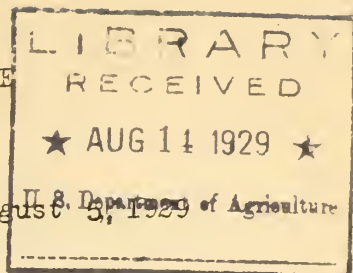


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THE CANADIAN CITRUS FRUIT MARKET

Canada provides the principal foreign market for American oranges and lemons and is second only to the United Kingdom as an export outlet for American grapefruit. Annual imports of citrus fruit into Canada from all sources during the four years 1925-26 to 1928-29 (fiscal year April 1 to March 31) averaged 2,200,000 boxes of oranges, 374,000 boxes of lemons and 274,000 boxes of grapefruit. The proportion supplied by the United States during that period works out as follows: Grapefruit 96 per cent, oranges 94 per cent, and lemons 71 per cent. Canada also imports small quantities of grapefruit from Jamaica and Cuba and small quantities of oranges from Japan, Mexico and Spain. Considerable quantities of lemons, however, are imported from Sicily.

The per capita consumption of citrus fruit in Canada is still considerably below that in the United States. Grapefruit consumption in Canada during the past four years averaged only two pounds per capita as against five pounds in the United States. The Canadian consumption of oranges averaged 16 pounds as against 21 pounds in the United States, and lemons 3 pounds against 5 pounds in the United States. Over three-fifths of the total population of Canada, however, is concentrated mainly in the highly industrialized areas extending along the lower lakes and the St. Lawrence River. The actual per capita consumption in this relatively small area is no doubt somewhat higher than the statistical figure for all of Canada. (See table on page 3.)

Oranges

The United States during the past four years has been the source of more than 94 per cent of the oranges imported into Canada. Over 50 per cent of the American oranges imported into Canada are brought in through the customs ports of Ontario and Quebec. Mandarin oranges from Japan have been a feature of the Canadian market at Christmas time for many years. Annual imports from Japan during this four-year period averaged 103,000 boxes or approximately 4.8 per cent of the total. The Japanese fruit comes into Canada through the port of Vancouver. Occasionally Mexican oranges are seen on the market. Small quantities are also imported from Jamaica, Spain and Palestine. Orange growers in South Africa and Australia have been looking to the Canadian market as a possible outlet for their increasing production, but the lack of adequate transportation facilities thus far has prevented competition from these sources.

Lemons

Only about 71 per cent of the lemons imported into Canada come from the United States. Sicily supplies practically all of the balance. The average invoice value of the Italian lemons imported into Canada during 1928-29 works out at \$4.14 per case while that of American lemons was \$4.69 per case. Transportation costs have tended to divide the Canadian lemon market into two sections. It is difficult to dispose of Sicilian lemons in the markets of western Canada in competition with California fruit because of the expensive rail haul from New York or eastern Canadian points to the Prairie Provinces. Most of the Sicilian lemons imported into Canada for that reason are marketed in Montreal, Toronto, Hamilton, Ottawa, Quebec and London. The western markets, such as Calgary, Winnipeg, Regina and Edmonton, carry practically no lemons other than those from California. While the large cities in Quebec and Ontario take considerable quantities of California lemons the statistics by customs districts show that almost half of the California lemons shipped into Canada are sent to the Prairie Provinces and British Columbia.

The railway freight rate on lemons from Los Angeles to Montreal is \$1.50 per 100 pounds. The rate from Palermo to Montreal on the other hand works out at \$1.30 per 100 pounds (61.9 cents from Palermo to New York and 69 cents from New York to Montreal). This makes a difference in freight rates of 20 cents per 100 pounds in favor of the Sicilian shipper. From Los Angeles to Winnipeg, however, the freight rate is \$1.65 per 100 pounds as compared with \$2.57 from Palermo (61.9 cents from Palermo to New York and \$1.95 from New York to Winnipeg), making a difference of 92 cents per 100 pounds in favor of the California shipper. These rates are on full carload shipments.

The bulk of the Canadian imports of Italian lemons come in from April to August. Most of the fruit is landed at American ports and is trans-shipped into Canada because of the lack of transportation facilities connecting the Canadian and the Sicilian ports. Some Italian lemons are handled via British ports. These usually go into Canada via the St. Lawrence River before the close of navigation on that water route. The Canadian price on the bulk of Italian lemons is the New York auction price plus the cost of transportation to Canadian markets and middlemen's profits.

Grapefruit

There has been a gradual expansion in the Canadian market for American grapefruit during the past four years. Imports from the United States in 1928-29 amounted to 285,000 boxes or 97.2 per cent of the total as compared with 252,000 boxes or 94.6 per cent of the total in 1925-26. Jamaican grapefruit is practically the only other grapefruit offered on the Canadian market. Strenuous efforts have been made by Jamaican interests to secure a larger proportion of the Canadian grapefruit trade but the Canadian imports from that source have declined steadily due largely to the fact that American grapefruit is of much better quality. Lack of adequate transportation facilities has also been a factor working against the Jamaican shipper but

this has now been remedied by the recent establishment of direct steamship service between Canadian and British West Indies ports. The Canadian imports of grapefruit from Jamaica have declined steadily from 12,000 boxes in 1925-26 to 5,000 boxes in 1928-29. With the present shipping facilities, however, together with the special tariff preference which fruit from Jamaica enjoys in the Canadian market, Jamaican exporters may be expected to secure a larger part of the Canadian grapefruit trade providing they can compete with Florida in price, quality and service.

Tariffs

Oranges and lemons enter Canada free of duty. Grapefruit, however, according to Tariff Item 101 (a) is dutiable at 50 cents per 100 pounds British Preferential and at \$1.00 Intermediate and \$1.00 General. The British Preferential rate of course applies only to grapefruit coming from countries within the British Empire. The Intermediate rate applies to countries with which Canada has special treaty arrangements, while the general rate applies to all other countries. American grapefruit takes the General rate. Under Item 101 (aa), however, grapefruit when imported from the place of growth by ship, direct to a Canadian port, is dutiable as follows: British Preferential, free; Intermediate 50 cents and General \$1.00 per 100 pounds. Jamaican grapefruit, therefore, can now be sent into Canada duty free in view of the establishment of direct shipping services. Since American grapefruit in either case is subject to the General, or highest tariff, it can be seen that Jamaican shippers enjoy an advantage on the Canadian grapefruit market.

CITRUS FRUIT: Net supply and apparent per capita consumption,
Canada, 1925-26 to 1928-29

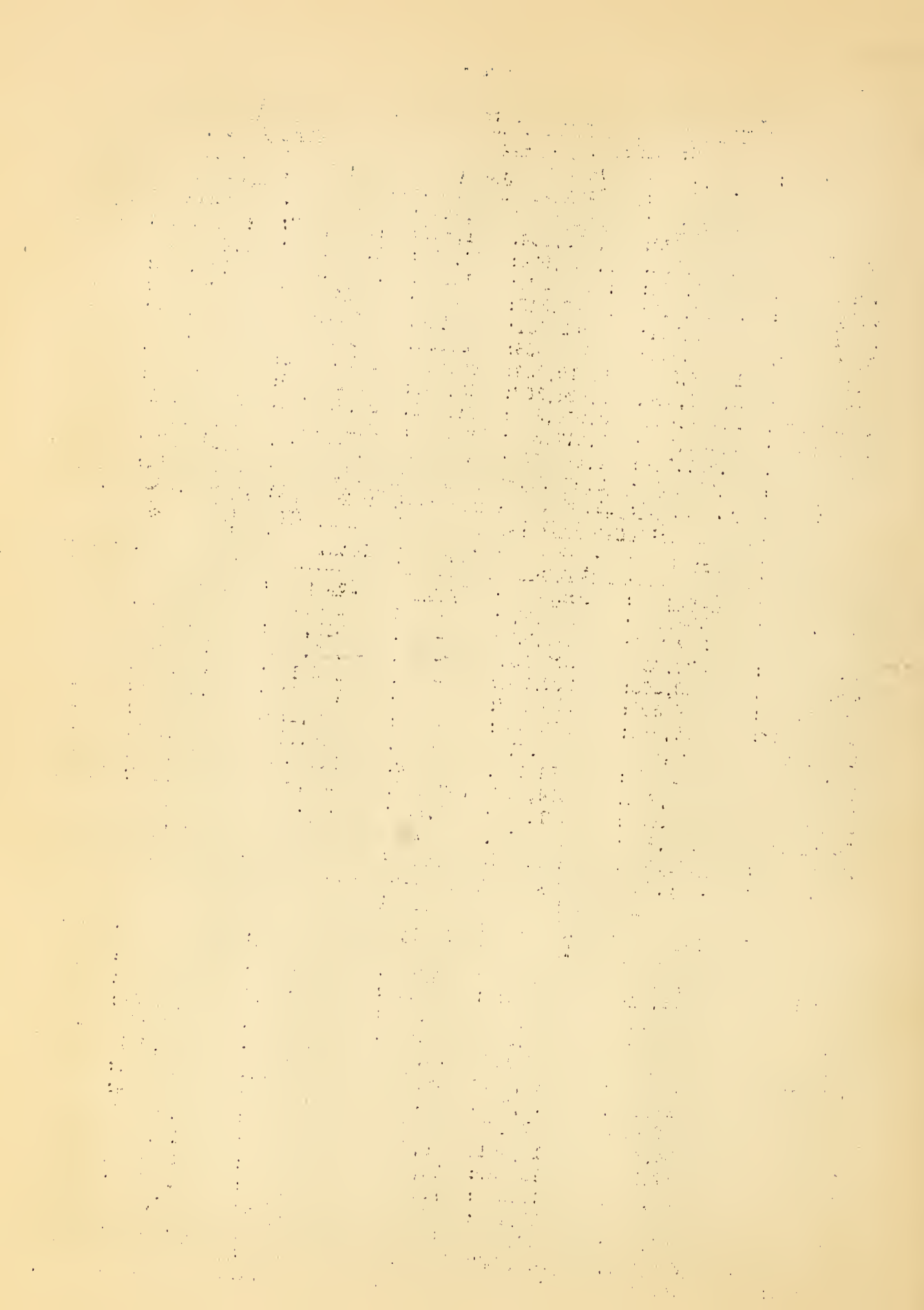
Year	Grapefruit		Oranges		Lemons		Population
	Net	Per	Net	Per	Net	Per	
	supply	capita	supply	capita	supply	capita	
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	1,000	Pounds	1,000	Pounds	1,000	Pounds	Number
	pounds		pounds		pounds		
1925-26	18,665	2.0	121,069	13.1	25,580	2.8	9,268,700
1926-27	17,817	1.9	158,436	16.9	28,556	3.0	9,389,693
1927-28	19,575	2.1	174,905	18.4	26,573	2.8	9,519,220
1928-29	20,529	2.1	167,255	17.3	30,088	3.1	9,658,000
Average	19,146	2.0	152,916	16.2	27,699	2.9	9,458,903

Note: Canadian per capita consumption figures simply represent imports divided by population for the fiscal years indicated.

CITRUS FRUIT: Imports into Canada, 1927-28 and 1928-29

Month	Grapefruit 1927-28			Grapefruit 1928-29		
	Total	United States	Jamaica	Total	United States	Jamaica
	Pounds	Pounds	Pounds	Pounds	Pounds	Pounds
April	1,525,672:	1,519,824:	1,520:	1,694,787:	1,667,667:	24,850
May	1,982,068:	1,945,974:	27,614:	1,499,845:	1,495,125:	-
June	1,385,955:	1,384,275:	1,680:	1,351,284:	1,351,284:	-
July	1,047,313:	1,047,313:	-	827,880:	877,800:	-
August	603,791:	602,431:	560:	749,044:	748,564:	-
September:	801,770:	797,906:	2,934:	563,564:	538,857:	2,465
October	1,466,293:	1,419,334:	46,809:	1,153,315:	1,075,840:	67,995
November	2,035,594:	1,984,307:	43,545:	2,217,885:	2,107,702:	101,978
December	2,172,448:	2,066,251:	91,190:	2,196,796:	2,056,201:	118,400
January	1,926,902:	1,817,349:	82,781:	2,244,032:	2,172,685:	49,511
February	1,651,766:	1,594,007:	49,550:	2,317,678:	2,262,175:	27,120
March	2,975,296:	2,878,349:	88,258:	3,712,471:	3,642,082:	19,785
Total	19,575,228:	19,057,320:	436,441:	20,528,581:	19,945,982:	412,104
	Oranges 1927-28			Oranges 1928-29		
	Total	United States	Japan	Total	United States	Japan
	Boxes	Boxes	Boxes	Boxes	Boxes	Boxes
April	203,832:	203,829:	-	163,254:	162,312:	-
May	277,736:	277,736:	-	213,918:	213,537:	-
June	279,434:	279,154:	-	189,589:	188,662:	-
July	202,293:	202,293:	-	120,130:	119,599:	-
August	204,690:	204,687:	-	140,914:	140,880:	-
September:	125,885:	125,885:	-	98,896:	98,864:	-
October	95,642:	94,714:	-	96,530:	95,957:	-
November	95,354:	94,142:	2:	112,422:	111,888:	-
December	365,778:	254,797:	107,845:	428,601:	316,480:	108,260
January	185,622:	171,976:	5,820:	205,413:	196,776:	1,030
February	192,762:	188,475:	443:	221,050:	214,897:	-
March	269,616:	264,453:	-	398,652:	396,945:	-
Total	2,498,644:	2,362,141:	114,110:	2,389,369:	2,256,797:	109,290
	Lemons 1927-28			Lemons 1928-29		
	Total	United States	Italy	Total	United States	Italy
	Boxes	Boxes	Boxes	Boxes	Boxes	Boxes
April	22,816:	22,216:	600:	25,508:	18,307:	6,903
May	34,026:	33,026:	1,000:	39,601:	34,338:	4,861
June	48,280:	36,247:	12,008:	48,335:	27,530:	18,505
July	48,509:	33,126:	15,165:	70,748:	34,701:	35,572
August	34,648:	19,848:	14,017:	19,071:	14,071:	5,000
September:	19,186:	10,794:	8,342:	14,365:	13,624:	696
October	8,495:	7,375:	600:	19,770:	19,597:	-
November	24,443:	15,401:	8,056:	20,965:	18,465:	2,369
December	27,576:	13,529:	14,000:	35,814:	21,095:	14,551
January	25,258:	12,280:	12,768:	35,516:	28,327:	7,036
February	19,616:	15,146:	4,090:	43,794:	27,010:	16,544
March	46,235:	27,359:	18,679:	33,113:	26,452:	6,661
Total	359,088:	246,347:	109,325:	406,600:	283,517:	118,698

Source: Department of Trade and Commerce, Dominion Bureau of Statistics, Ottawa, Canada.



CITRUS FRUITS: Imports into Canada, by provinces, 1927-28 and
1928-29.

Province	Grapefruit 1927-28			Grapefruit 1928-29		
	United States	Jamaica	Total	United States	Jamaica	Total
	Pounds	Pounds	Pounds	Pounds	Pounds	Pounds
Nova Scotia	493,381	273,748	796,231	478,797	331,763	838,298
New Brunswick	486,799		486,799	314,035		517,145
Prince Edward Island	71,644		71,644	78,092		78,092
Quebec	3,288,123	162,013	3,451,538	3,618,102	77,801	3,709,688
Ontario	8,761,109	680	8,766,483	9,105,477	2,540	9,134,793
Manitoba	1,601,289		1,601,289	1,614,914		1,615,406
Saskatchewan	1,045,250		1,045,250	1,047,324		1,047,324
Alberta	1,016,682		1,016,682	1,107,039		1,107,039
British Columbia	2,293,043		2,339,312	2,382,152		2,430,076
Total	19,057,320	436,441	19,575,228	19,945,982	412,104	20,527,861
	Oranges 1927-28			Oranges 1928-29		
	United States	Japan	Total	United States	Japan	Total
	Boxes	Boxes	Boxes	Boxes	Boxes	Boxes
Nova Scotia	76,298		79,470	75,692		77,599
New Brunswick	66,988		68,978	67,268		67,579
Prince Edward Island	9,172		9,172	8,806		8,806
Quebec	476,170		484,785	455,779		461,952
Ontario	970,815		978,763	953,615		963,872
Manitoba	195,829		195,831	167,953		167,959
Saskatchewan	145,526		145,526	138,444		138,444
Alberta	168,321		168,321	165,772		165,772
British Columbia	253,022	114,110	367,798	223,463	109,290	337,886
Total	2,362,141	114,110	2,498,644	2,256,797	109,290	2,389,369
	Lemons 1927-28			Lemons 1928-29		
	United States	Italy	Total	United States	Italy	Total
	Boxes	Boxes	Boxes	Boxes	Boxes	Boxes
Nova Scotia	6,029	1,235	7,668	5,654	975	7,725
New Brunswick	4,614	3,036	8,134	6,337	2,346	8,838
Prince Edward Island	474	10	506	694	105	811
Quebec	29,848	34,604	66,488	34,777	41,243	78,944
Ontario	86,303	69,490	156,271	104,469	71,629	176,296
Manitoba	23,672	300	23,672	27,203	300	27,508
Saskatchewan	28,031	300	28,331	30,442	1,200	31,642
Alberta	30,542	350	30,842	34,606	900	35,506
British Columbia	36,834		37,176	39,330		39,330
Total	246,347	109,325	359,088	283,517	118,698	406,600

Source: Assistant Trade Commissioner, A. H. Thiemann at Ottawa.

